Service to Community



Coconino County Sheriff's Office

Bill Pribil, Sheriff

Celebrating 35 Years of Dedicated Service – Charles Wong



On May 30, 2008
Charles (Charlie) H.
Wong retired after 35
years of service to the
Coconino County
Sheriff's Office.
Charlie has retired
after two full time
professional careers.

His most recent position was as Lieutenant for the Coconino County Detention Facility. He served in that capacity for the past ten years. During that time he also served as Interim Deputy Chief of the Detention Facility. Lieutenant Wong is our first employee to retire under the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan.

Before his career in the Detention Facility, Charlie served Coconino County for 25 years under the Public Safety Retirement System. During that time he was a Deputy, Identification / Evidence Officer, and Patrol Sergeant.

Lieutenant Wong has been a mentor and friend to many employees over the years. In his retirment, Lieutenant Wong plans to travel and to continue to pursue his hobbies of motorcycles and photography. We are grateful for the time he has served the Sheriff's Office and the community.



Rick Mangan helps Charlie celebrate his career by presenting him with an etched mirror. A shadow box of momentos from throughout his 35 years also was presented by staff.

Sheriff's Office Graduates 10 Cadets

Our sixth Detention Academy started on Monday, March 24, 2008 at the Coconino Community College. This Arizona Detention Association (ADA) Class #66 consisted of 10 cadets, three from Page and seven from Flagstaff. The cadets participated in daily classroom instruction covering several topics in the profession of detention services. Other classes included dealing with sexual harassment issues and training in first aid and CPR. The cadets also endured rigorous physical training three days a week

proper use of restraints and non-lethal munitions. The cadets graduated on May 2, 2008. Sergeant Mike Wildermuth served as the academy liaison under the guidance of Lieutenant Matthew Figueroa. The cadets' motto was "One Team One Fight, We Set The Standards." The next academy is scheduled for Fall 2008. The next academy staff will consist of Sgt's, Wildermuth, Matt Freshour and Bryan Manson, under the direction of Lt. Donna Womble.



plus extensive training in defensive tactics and

Command Staff and Detention Academy Training Officers pose with Detention Officers from the graduating Class #66. Back row from left; Sheriff Bill Pribil, Philip Rehm, Terry Wendling, Cameron Doty, Commander Kurt Braatz, Kaisa Clark, Sergeant Mike Wildermuth, Lieutenant Matthew Figueroa. Front row from left: Sergeant Tina Lawson, Nate Tsosie, Wayne Doyle, Damon Harris, Justin Sandoval, Caddale Smith. Front center with flag: Anthony Clitso



Inmates Participate in Stress and Anger Management Program

On May 5, 2008 twelve Coconino County inmates completed an intense 5 day anger and stress management course known nationally as the Art of Living program. Detention Services was fortunate to have local volunteer Ron Bayes and national instructor Jim Larsen from Tucson lead the class. The program teaches breathing techniques to relax the body and reduce stress and anger. Each inmate completing the class was presented with a certificate. Detention Commander Kurt Braatz and Program Coordinator Joan Graboski attended the certificate ceremony.

Program evaluations indicated that inmate response to the Art of Living course was positive and appreciative. One inmate stated, "I think everybody ought to take this class. They don't know what they're missing." Another inmate shared his struggle and his new found hope. "I've battled depression

my entire life, and for the first time ever I feel I have a winning weapon through this class. I don't feel stressed or angry anymore about being here. I've come to accept the present for what it is. God bless everyone responsible for this program. Thank you." Other inmates stated they felt better and thought differently. They planned to share their new skills with friends. All of the inmates thanked the instructors and staff for providing the course.



Ron Bayes (pictured left) is planning to teach another Art of Living course to the inmates enrolled in the in-custody substance abuse treatment program, EXODUS, in June.



April 27 - May 3, 2008 was set aside as National Volunteer Week. This year's theme, Volunteer to Change the World, truly reflected the many ways volunteers improve our community and the power they have to encourage and motivate others to serve. National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, and began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. In celebration of volunteers, the Board of Supervisors signed a proclamation in support of volunteer efforts. The Sheriff's Office helped host a volunteer recognition luncheon for volunteers from all county departments.

The Sheriff's Office has nearly 250 volunteers. This is almost as many volunteers as employees. Over 100 of those volunteer for the Detention programs, including religious and self help programs. Joan Graboski, Volunteer Coordinator for Detention Services works closely with theses volunteers to help coordinate their schedules and bring new programs to the inmates. The Search and Rescue Unit is made up of approximately 120 volunteers who train for and respond to around 80 callouts each year. They work closely with Sergeant Aaron Dick who manages the Search and Rescue

Recognizing Outstanding Work of Sheriff's Office Volunteers

program. Over a dozen Patrol
Volunteers work with the Community
Programs Planner, Gerry Blair, to
conduct property watches, business
checks, and other community outreach.
One of our newer volunteer programs is
the Cold Case Squad. These individuals
work closely with the Detective Division
and Crime Scene Investigator to try to
bring resolution to cases that have
reached a stale mate.

On May 1, in honor of National Volunteer Week, the Coconino County Detention Services held a volunteer recognition program for the volunteers who facilitate programs for the county jail inmates. Chief Jim Driscoll and Detention Commander Kurt Braatz thanked them for their work. Sheriff Pribil apologized for not be able to attend the ceremony and applauded the volunteers, "The inmate population is often forgotten by the community at large. Yet we realize that the inmate population is a community of its own and in need of similar community services. The volunteers who facilitate jail programs understand the need to reach out to this underserved population of Coconino County. They truly make a difference."

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the volunteers by Program Coordinator Joan Graboski. Joan outlined the range of inmate programs that the volunteers facilitate, including bible study, worship services, communion services, pastoral visitation, grief share, Alcoholics Anonymous, 12 step study sessions, yoga, English as a second language, Talking Circle, and anger management. In addition, several volunteers assist with clerical tasks in the medical department and the programs office.

Years of volunteer service range from Dave Patterson, who began work with inmates in 1973 and Ken Mortenson, who has been volunteering since 1977, to the newest volunteer, Jennifer Youngberg, who began volunteering in April.

Detention Services wishes to thank all the volunteers who offer their time and services to help reduce recidivism through inmate programs. Special thanks to Sergeant Mike Wildermuth, Deacon Susan Harte, and Intern Deb Madrigal for assisting with the volunteer recognition event.

Sheriff Pribil considers volunteers as an integral part of the Sheriff's Office family, "We have a long partnership with volunteers. We are extremely proud of our volunteers and thank them for sharing their time and talents to help enhance public safety in our community."



Some of the 100 plus jail program volunteers pose for a group picture during the May 1 recognition held at the LEAF Auditorium

Dave Patterson has been working with
Coconino County inmates since 1973.
Pictured with him are Jail Commander Kurt
Braatz, Chief Deputy Jim Driscoll, and Joan
Graboski, Program Coordinator.



Inaugural Public Health and Safety Fair in Parks, AZ

On May 2, 2008 the Parks Community held its first ever Health and Safety Fair at Maine Consolidated School. Department of

Public Safety,
Flagstaff Police
Department,
Williams Police
Department,
Guardian Medical
Services, Game
and Fish, the
Coconino County



Sheriff's Office, and many volunteers helped make this inaugural event a great success. Sergeant Jason Lurkins and his horse Cowboy as well as Corporal Gerrit Boeck and his canine officer Viktor were two favorites of the crowd. Other activities included a Bike Rodeo and demonstrations from the Bomb Squad. Smokey Bear, Safety Pup and McGruff the Crime Dog also made appearances. Over 80 students from Maine Consolidated School participated in a health and safety poster contest. Awards were donated by Masonic Lodge in Williams, the City of Williams (Swimming Pool), Dairy Queen of Williams, and the Deer Farm.

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Glenn Spady Celebrates 20+ Years of Service

Glenn Spady retired after over 20 combined years of service to Coconino County and the Flagstaff School District. Glenn's most recent position was as the Lead Custodian for the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. In this position, he supervised four custodians in the care of the Law Enforcement Administrative Facility which houses both the Flagstaff Police Department and the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. In 2007, the Custodial Team under Glenn's supervision received a National Public Service Award. Glenn also received a 2004 Coconino County Customer Service Award. Glenn's conscientious work ensured that agencies working out of the Law Enforcement Administrative Facility had a clean and safe working environment. Glenn was presented with a plaque in honor of his service.

